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SECDEF FOR: ISA DA FOR: DASG-MC

REF: SECDEF CONF 030001Z NOV 73, SUBJECT AS ABOVE

(NOTAL) (RETRANS TO SECSTATE)

1. IN APRIL, 1973, PRESIDENT MARCOS SENT A PERSONAL MEMORANDUM TO THE SND STATING HIS DESIRE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF NATIONAL DEFENSE ARRANGE FOR THE TREATMENT OF A FILIPINO OFFICER AT A US SERVICE HOSPITAL IN THE UNITED STATES FOR DISFIGURATION AND DISABILITY FROM BURNS SUSTAINED IN A CAMPAIGN AGAINST NPA INSURGENTS IN NORTHERN LUZON. THE MEMORANDUM AUTHORIZED PAYMENT OF EXPENSES FOR TRANSPORTATION AND HOSPITALIZATION BY THE GOP. THE CHIEF OF STAFF, AFP, CONVEYED THIS REQUEST TO THE AMBASSADOR IN A LETTER, AND COORDINATION WAS ESTABLISHED BETWEEN THE AFP AND THE DEFENSE ATTACHE.

2. THE UNJURED OFFICER, MAJOR FRANCISCO RAQUEL, WAS EXAMINED AT THE USAF HOSPITAL, CLARK AIR BASE, FOR EVALUATION OF THE CASE. MAJOR RAQUEL WAS SUBSEQUENTLY INJURED SERIOUSLY IN AN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT, WHICH DELAYED THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR HIS PERIOD OF HOSPITALIZATION. ON OCTOBER 3, DAO ADVISED SECDEF BY MESSAGE THAT MAJOR RAQUEL WAS ABLE TO TRAVEL AND

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UNDERGO TREATMENT, AND REQUESTED INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING THE

APPROPRIATE PLACE AND DATE. REF MESSAGE FROM SECDEF IS THE RESPONSE.

3. THAT PORTION OF REF MESSAGE WHICH DESCRIBES THE LENGTH AND NATURE OF TREATMENT HAD SUFFICIENT MERIT TO JUSTIFY A RECOMMENDATION TO THE GOP THAT MAJOR RAQUEL BE TREATED AT USAF HOSPITAL, CLARK AB. HOWEVER IT WAS DETERMINED IN A TELEPHONE CALL TO THE HOSPITAL COMMANDER ON THIS DATE THAT HE COULD NO LONGER RECOMMEND TREATMENT AT THAT LOCATION. THE PLASTIC SURGEON AT CLARK WILL TERMINATE HIS TOUR BEFORE HE CAN COMPLETE THE TREATMENT. FURTHERMORE, THE HOSPITAL COMMANDER DOES NOT EXPECT A REPLACEMENT PLASTIC SURGEON.

4. THE PERSONAL INTERESTS OF PRESIDENT MARCOS AND SECRETARY ENRILE, FOR WHATEVER REASONS, ARE OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS IN THIS CASE. IT IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES TO PROVIDE MAJOR RAQUEL TREATMENT IN THE UNITED STATES. IN VIEW OF THE LONG DELAY IN RESOLVING THIS MATTER, RECOMMEND AN EARLY, AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE TO THE GOP REQUEST. SULLIVAN

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